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**MALCOLM J. MCPHERSON, JR.**  
*Grand Exalted Ruler*

*A Fraternal Organization*

Date: August 28, 2017  
To: State Association Presidents  
Local Lodge Exalted Rulers  
RE: Elks Disaster Relief Programs, Inc.

Recently, with the catastrophic floods in Texas, the *Elks Disaster Relief Program, Inc.* donated \$25,000.00 to aid those victims. To help replenish those funds, I encourage your Lodge or State Association to raise and donate what you can for this most important program. Without support, eventually we may not be able to continue to live up to our motto "*Elks Care – Elks Share*" by easing the burden and lend a helping hand to the victims of major catastrophes.

Donations are tax deductible as allowed under the 501(c)(3) IRS Code.

In the event that donations exceed the funds needed for a disaster relief effort, any excess funds will be held in Elks Disaster Relief Program, Inc. for use in future disasters.

**All checks should be made payable to: *Elks Disaster Relief Program, Inc.***

Contributions should be mailed to: Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks  
Attn: Bryan R. Klatt, Grand Secretary  
2750 North Lakeview Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60614-1889

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr." in a cursive style.

Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr.  
Grand Exalted Ruler

cc: Advisory Committee  
Board of Grand Trustees  
Special Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers  
District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers  
Grand Lodge Committees